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<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Exports</u>
For smelting (kilograms)	2,514	1,044
Tourmaline, black, opaque (kilograms)	13	--
Kaolin	9	--
Bastnasite	3	1
Columbite	3	1.4
Carbon	564	--

GRAPHITE PRODUCTION IN TAMATAVE PROVINCE -- Marseille, L'Antenne, 12 Dec 52

The most important graphite deposits now being exploited in Tamatave Province are located south of the city of Tamatave and along the Tananarive-Tamatave Railroad in the Perinet-Moramanga region. These deposits are easily worked without the use of explosives, since the graphite is found in outcroppings of eroded rock. The main producing districts of Tamatave Province are Brickaville, with 70-80 percent of the total; Vatomanary; Moramanga; and Tamatave.

The graphite deposits of Tamatave, which are abundant, are valued highly because they occur in very thick flakes. The flakes are used chiefly in the manufacture of crucibles for smelting metals and alloys. Madagascar supplies most of the graphite flakes that are needed on the world market.

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